SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 967

By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Jennifer Bellott and
Michael Goodin of the University of Memphis
Moot Court upon their outstanding performance
at the ABA National Appellate Advocacy
Competition National Finals.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay

tribute to those estimable law students who through their natural talents and unflagging

commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves as emerging professionals

of the greatest aptitude and skill; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Bellott and Michael Goodin are two such exemplary students of the

University of Memphis Moot Court who recently received recognition for their outstanding

performance at the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition National Finals; and

WHEREAS, following an undefeated season, Ms. Bellott and Mr. Goodin reached the

final round of the competition before losing a split decision to Harvard Law School; and

WHEREAS, Jennifer Bellott was named National Best Advocate, gaining recognition as

the best oral advocate in the national competition; and

WHEREAS, after advancing without defeat through the regional competition, Jennifer

Bellott and Michael Goodin defeated the teams from Seton Hall and Texas Wesleyan in the

preliminary rounds of the National Finals; they went on to defeat the team from UC-Berkeley

and Washington University, and then Seton Hall again in the Final Four, setting up a final round

match between the teams of the University of Memphis and Harvard University; and

WHEREAS, nearly 180 teams entered the competition, with twenty-five advancing to the

National Finals; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the astute tutelage they received from Barbara A. Kritchevsky,

Ms. Bellott and Mr. Goodin also benefited from practice rounds judged by University of Memphis

faculty members Michele Alexandre, Ralph Brashier, Kevin Smith, Gene Shapiro, and Dan Wanat; and

WHEREAS, Ernie Lidge, Andrew McClurg, Jana McCreary, Steve Mulroy, David Romantz, and Brian Slocum lent their time and talents as practice judges for the regional competition and Kevin Smith contributed his efforts in support of Ms. Kritchevsky and the team; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to excellence demonstrated by Jennifer Bellott and Michael Goodin of the University of Memphis Moot Court is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Jennifer Bellott and Michael Goodin of the University of Memphis Moot Court on their outstanding achievements at the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition National Finals, even as we wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we congratulate Ms. Bellott upon being named National Best Advocate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.